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Draft conclusions proposed by the Co-Chairs

1. Recalling decision 1/CP.22, paragraph 12, on the timeline for concluding the work programme under the Paris Agreement, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) reaffirmed its commitment to working diligently and expeditiously to fulfil its mandate by the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) (December 2018).

2. The APA welcomed the more than 80 submissions received from Parties[2] and non-Party stakeholders[3] for this session and took note of:

(a) The documents prepared in advance of the session;[4]

(b) The pre-sessional round tables on agenda items 3–7 that took place between 4 and 6 November 2017.

3. The APA agreed that the documents and pre-sessional round tables referred to in paragraph 2 above helped to facilitate a better understanding of, and clarify Parties' views on, the respective agenda items and provided useful inputs to the negotiations under the APA.

4. The APA noted the progress made at this session as reflected in the annex to the conclusions.[5] At the same time, the APA noted that substantive progress in the deliberations under agenda items 3–8 needs to be accelerated to ensure all issues achieve a sufficient degree of maturity and detail to allow for the timely completion of the work by December 2018.

5. The APA reiterated its recognition of the need to progress on all items in a coherent and balanced manner, and to ensure a coordinated approach to the consideration of matters relating to the Paris Agreement work programme (PAWP) by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the COP. To that end, the APA recommended that the President of the COP

[1] See document FCCC/APA/2016/3 for the titles of the agenda items.
[2] Available at http://unfccc.int/5900.
[3] Available at http://unfccc.int/7478.
[4] FCCC/TP/2017/7, APA.2017.3.InformalNote, APA.2017.4.InformalNote and APA.2017.5.InformalNote.
[5] To expedite document processing, the annex is not reproduced in this document. Its contents can be found in the addendum to this document (FCCC/APA/2017/L.4/Add.1).

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consider options for bringing together, under his own responsibility and without prejudice to the future work of the subsidiary bodies, the outcomes of the work of the APA, the SBI, the SBSTA and the COP on PAWP-related matters at this session.

6. The APA noted the intention of its Co-Chairs to issue, by early April 2018, a reflections note with an overview of the outcomes of this session and to suggest options for the way forward on the basis of the views and ideas that Parties put forward at this session and in their submissions for the session, including as these have been reflected in the informal notes prepared at this session. The note will aim to advance the work of the APA without prejudging any options or proposals Parties may put forward in the future.

7. Recalling the APA's general call for submissions by Parties,[6] the APA noted that focused textual proposals would be most helpful in allowing Parties to focus on substance in their deliberations on the APA agenda items.

8. Recognizing the considerable amount of work required to fulfil its mandate by COP 24, the APA expressed its view that additional negotiating time in 2018 may be useful, depending on the progress being made and the feasibility of convening an additional session in a cost-effective manner while also allowing effective participation of experts from developing countries.

9. The APA reiterated its commitment to continuing to work in an inclusive, transparent, Party-driven and efficient manner. To that end, it agreed to continue to apply at APA 1.5 (April–May 2018) the modalities for the organization of its work that were adopted at APA 1.1.[7]

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[6] FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 23.

[7] FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 21.